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Office Action Summary

Application No.

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NAITO ET AL.

Examiner

NGUYEN T. HA

Art Unit

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 July 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 19 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 3, 20 and 21 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2 and 4-18 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-8508)
- Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____

- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
- Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1, 3 and 20-21 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1, 3, and 20-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kuranuki et al. (US 5,198,967).

Regarding claim 1, Kuranuki et al. disclose a resin molded chip solid electrolytic capacitor comprising a plurality of solid electrolyte capacitor elements (2) horizontally laid in parallel with no gap on a pair of oppositely disposed end parts of a lead frame (3), and a fixing layer (4) which is extending across the plurality of capacitor elements and fixing the capacitor elements with each other (figure 17b).

Regarding claim 3, Kuranuki et al. disclose the fixing layer is an electrically conducting layer (figure 17b).

Regarding claim 20, it is inherent that the Kuranuki et al. capacitor can be used in an electronic circuit.

Regarding claim 21, it is inherent that the Kuranuki et al. capacitor can be used in an electronic device.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 2 and 4-18 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Regarding claims 2, and 4-18, the prior art alone or in combination does not teach the limitation of the solid electrolyte capacitor element is produced by stacking an oxide dielectric film layer, a semiconductor layer and an electrically conducting layer in this order to form a cathode part on a surface exclusive of the anode part at one end of an anode substrate comprising a sintered body of a valve-acting metal or an electrically conducting oxide or comprising the sintered body connected with a metal wire.

Claim 19 is allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

With respect to claim 19, the prior art alone or in combination does not teach the limitation of a method for producing a chip solid electrolyte capacitor comprising the solid electrolyte capacitor element is produced by stacking an oxide dielectric film layer, a semiconductor layer and an electrically conducting layer in this order to form a cathode part on a surface exclusive of the anode part at one end of an anode substrate comprising a sintered body of a valve-acting metal or an electrically conducting oxide or comprising the sintered body connected with a metal wire.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to NGUYEN T. HA whose telephone number is (571)272-1974. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:30AM to 5:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Diego F. Gutierrez can be reached on 571-272-2245. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2831

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